

Uachtarán Hilda, Executive members and county delegates it is a great honour for me to address you all tonight as I assume the role of Chairperson of Leinster Camogie. I wish to thank you for placing such confidence in me at the AGM in January. I give each of you my commitment that I will continue to work hard and in a honest manner for all our counties and the province while at the same time ensuring Leinster's administration, financial and safeguarding governance remains to the fore, as we at all times comply with our Official Guides and the remits of the National Development Plan. I would hope during my term and with the new Executive of Leinster Camogie to bring forward a five year Development Plan for the Province and this will involve a consultation process with many stakeholders across the province. You will hear more on this in the coming months. I will also continue to support volunteers at all levels and ensure they feel valued, appreciated and supported in their many roles, as our volunteers are the bed rock of our Association.

Congress 2021 was a momentous day for the Camogie Association in many regards with the passing of all the trailed playing rules, amendments to others and the recognition of dual players within the Camogie Association visions. I look forward to seeing our games return at all levels when safe to do so and see how these changes develop our game. I would like to reiterate the remarks of Uachtarán Hilda Breslin from her address on Saturday in regard to the upcoming return to play dates and protocols. I would ask all counties and indeed all clubs across the province to ensure nothing jeopardizes the upcoming return to play for our members and that when we do get back we remain on the pitches and at all times in a safe environment. The next few months will most likely be a slow burner for games in the province but we will be here to support counties with any challenges which may arise, and in time we will see the return to the much loved provincial games and development blitzes.

Tonight brings to an end my role as Leinster Provincial Secretary. At this juncture I would like to say a "Mile Buíochas" to all members of Leinster Executive who I served with, the many officers in all our counties and clubs who I have engaged with, our Leinster referees, Leinster THDC, Ard Comhairle, National Committee Members and all the National Staff. In the most part all our engagements were positive and in the best interest of our game and I can most certainly say I have gained a lot friends across Leinster and beyond over the past three years and look forward to making many more. I feel very fortunate to have been mentored and supported by four past Leinster Chairperson's Hilda Breslin, Pat Martin, Rachel Hogan and Catherine Neary since becoming involved at county and provincial level and to them I offer my sincere appreciation. I do hope Pat you are smiling in heaven tonight.

It is very pleasing tonight to now have a full compliant of Leinster Officers in place as we move along in 2021. I believe and hope all of those who have been elected will work together as a team on behalf of Leinster and I look forward to working with each of you. Patsy, Angela, Liz and Mairead have been in place since the AGM and I thank them for their commitment and support to date. All have been very active in their respective roles over the past while and involved in a number of National meetings in relation to their roles.

I would like to congratulate Barney / Ivor on your election as Vice Chairperson tonight and thank Barney / Ivor for contesting the position and ensure him of a role going forward within Leinster. I have got to know you both very well in recent years and I know your commitment to Camogie is immense.

I would like to wish the incoming Provincial Secretary Brendan Cooper every success. I know Brendan for many years now and I know he will bring great knowledge and experience

to the role. Melanie Ni Dhuinn is been returned as Leinster registrar tonight having held the position up to the AGM. Melanie has a lot of knowledge in relation to registrations and the process and she will be available to assist units with Foireann as we edge closer to the registration deadline in May.

After two years without a PRO tonight it was great to have election for the position I congratulate Martin / Martina on their election and look forward to seeing the Leinster profile to the fore in the coming months in the media and across various social media outlets. I thank Martin / Martina for contesting for the position and assure you I would welcome your involvement in other ways in Leinster. I thank Gerry O'Sullivan for monitoring platforms in the interim when time allowed him to do so.

I wish outgoing Leinster Chairperson Hilda Breslin every success as she takes over as Uachtarán of our Association and thank her for her outstanding contribution to Leinster Camogie as Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Ard Comhairle over the past ten or more years. Yesterday we acknowledged Hilda with a presentation on behalf of all in Leinster Camogie.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the support of my family, my club Burren Rangers and all those in Carlow Camogie in my journey to this proud and special moment. You all have afforded me the opportunity to develop my interest and passion for the game and I will always be grateful to you all.

I will finish by saying, a lot of work done more to do and I will see you all at a match somewhere, and hopefully, it will be sooner rather than later.

Go raibh mile maith agaibh.